

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF CORRECTIONS  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
ROOM 113  
THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2005  
9:00 A.M.**

Board Members Present: Bernie Heier, Chair  
Deb Schorr, Vice Chair  
Larry Hudkins  
Bob Workman  
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Mike Thurber, Corrections Director  
Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

**AGENDA ITEM**

**1 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2005**

**MOTION:** Hudkins moved and Stevens seconded approval of the Board of Corrections Meeting minutes of February 17, 2005. Workman, Hudkins, Stevens, Schorr and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

**2 POPULATION STATISTICS**

A. Population Comments

Mike Thurber, Corrections Director, reported a slight decrease in overall average daily population for the first quarter, compared to 2004. The reduction is due in part to the practice of shifting pre-trial offenders, with appropriate classifications, to the Airpark facility. Bookings have increased 4%, compared to the same time period last year. The jail is still overcrowded and out of compliance with Jail Standards. Some inmates are double-bunked and the exercise area has been converted to beds.

## B. Population Graphs

See agenda packet.

## C. Monthly Statistical Report.

See agenda packet.

### **3 DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES**

#### A. Good News Jail & Prison Ministry

Thurber said group bible study sessions are well attended and additional volunteers have been recruited to teach and grade the lessons.

#### B. Mental Health Jail Diversion Program

Thurber said the Community Mental Health Center has started a new program called Seeking Safety for women offenders with domestic violence, substance abuse and post traumatic stress disorder issues.

The Mental Health Jail Diversion Project has diverted 71 individuals to date. Of those, 21 have been terminated for non-compliance, 2 are deceased and 16 have completed the program successfully. The remainder are considered inactive, due to moving out of state or withdrawing from the program.

#### C. Work Seek Program

Thurber reported a revision to the employment seeking process for inmates. A pre-employment form was designed with the intent of gaining knowledge about each inmate's educational background, job skills and criminal history. He said this information will be used to make a recommendation to the courts when an inmate makes a request to seek employment.

#### D. In-House Projects

Thurber reported the following:

- Renovations to the jail's court holding area and jail superintendent's office
- Installation of the Lancaster Correctional Facility (LCF) emergency generator
- Litter pickup on county roads
- Assistance to the Election Commissioner's Office on various projects
- Preparation for installation of the jail's new security system

#### E. New Business

Thurber said Lincoln Electric System (LES) has projected a 11.8% to 12% increase in electrical costs for the department's facilities in the upcoming year.

The department continues to work with the Purchasing Department on development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for pre-architectural planning for expansion of the jail facility.

Thurber estimated that it will cost \$20,000 to remove and replace the under portion of the roof on the jail facility.

#### 4 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Hudkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Schorr, Hudkins, Stevens, Workman and Heier voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
Lancaster County Clerk